

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the claims are amended to correct minor informalities, to delete "means plus function claim limitations, and to no longer recite any multiple dependencies. The claim amendments are not believed to raise any issues of new matter or narrow the claims in any aspect.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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